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ALLARD SEEKS VETERANS FOR MEDAL CEREMONY SAYS PRESENTATION TO HONOR THOSE WHO SERVED IN MILITARY

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) is looking for a few good men and women who served in the United States military and were never officially presented their medals while serving in the U.S. military. Those who decide to come forward will be honored at a Veterans Day award ceremony in November.

“It has come to my attention that there are literally hundreds and maybe thousands of veterans throughout Colorado who served our country with great honor that were never officially presented their service medals,” said Allard. “As a result I have decided that the time has come to honor these brave men and women with a special ceremony, so they can finally be recognized and thanked for their service to our country.”

“On Veterans Day, I will hold the 1st Annual U.S. Military Service Medal Ceremony,” added Allard. “I am asking any veteran who has yet to receive or officially be presented with their Commendation Medal or higher to contact my office, or their local veterans organization, to obtain an application for the ceremony.”

Allard said the idea for a special ceremony came to him after having the honor of presenting in person a number of medals to veterans who never received the medals during their service in the military.

“The individual presentations I made to each veteran has been so special, so emotional, that I felt it was important to have an annual event that honored every veteran in Colorado who has not been recognized for their service to our country,” said Allard.

An application for the medal ceremony can be obtained through Senator Allard’s offices: Metro Denver (303) 220-7414, Colorado Springs (719) 634-6071, Pueblo (719) 545-9751, Greeley (970) 351-7582, Grand Junction (970) 245-9553. Applications can also be obtained through local veteran organizations throughout Colorado.

The deadline for turning in the application for the ceremony is July 24, 2000.